

ACTION

March 8, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

TOM LATIMER

SUBJECT:

Suggestion For CIA Debriefing of Key
Members of Presidential Trip to
Peking

The various members of the Presidential party have acquired a treasury of hitherto unobtainable information and impressions of people and places in the People's Republic of China. It would be most helpful for CIA to gather and synthesize such non-substantive information for the future use of the Executive Branch in its dealings with China.

CIA could arrange low-key, informal interviews of certain members of the party. I am certain that there would be no problem in having CIA submit for review by Winston Lord or whoever you designate any and all reports resulting from such interviews prior to their dissemination within the intelligence community.

The following are the people who might be put on a list for CIA to contact:

Winston Lord
John Holdridge
Jon Howe

Dwight Chapin
Ron Walker
Vern Coffey

Tim Elbourne
Gen. Scowcroft
Ron Ziegler (?)

If you approve of this idea, perhaps it might be mentioned to Haldeman at a morning meeting so that members of the staff would ~~be~~ taken by surprise at being contacted by a CIA "agent".

RECOMMENDATION:

That you authorize CIA to begin such interviews with members of the White House staff.

NSS Review Completed.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____